

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3640

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to take the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund under the Medicare Program off budget.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. OFF-BUDGET STATUS OF FEDERAL HOSPITAL**  
4                               **INSURANCE TRUST FUND.**

5               (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1817 of the Social Secu-  
6       rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i) is amended by adding at the  
7       end the following new subsection:

1       “(l) EXCLUSION OF TRUST FUND FROM ALL BUDG-  
2   ETS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the re-  
3   ceipts and disbursements of the Trust Fund shall not be  
4   counted as new budget authority, outlays, receipts, or def-  
5   icit or surplus for purposes of—

6               “(1) the budget of the United States Govern-  
7       ment as submitted by the President,

8               “(2) the congressional budget, or

9               “(3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-  
10    icit Control Act of 1985.”.

11       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
12   subsection (a) shall apply to fiscal years beginning on or  
13   after October 1, 2000.

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